HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ___

Introduced by:	Stilwell

A RESOLUTION honoring the Special Olympics movement.

Whereas, Special Olympics was founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver to give children and adults with Intellectual disabilities an opportunity to compete in sports and physical activities and to achieve a great level of success;

Whereas, Special Olympics Indiana provides year-round sports training and competition programs for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, reaching more than 12,000 athletes in Indiana;

Whereas, More than 2,200 Special Olympics athletes and nearly 2,000 volunteers from across the State of Indiana will participate June 6-8, 2008 in the Special Olympics Indiana Summer Games at Indiana State University;

Whereas, The Special Olympics gives athletes with intellectual disabilities time to work hard to win and time to

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have fun with friends and achieve goals through state level competition in athletics, aquatics, bocce, bowling, cycling, horseshoes and volleyball;

Whereas, Hoosiers throughout the State of Indiana are always ready to support Special Olympics athletes and cheer them on;

Whereas, Special Olympics Indiana gives athletes with intellectual disabilities opportunities to win in the same ways as others athletes by training them to develop their potential on and off the athletic field through the Special Olympics Athlete Leadership Programs (ALPS)

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives supports June 1-June 8 as being Special Olympics Week in Indiana

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